

St Clair Amateur Newsletter

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ARES/RACES Directed Net is normally conducted by Gene Kramer, WA9TZL (Tuesdays following the Club “on-the-air” meeting.)

Election Results

We held elections at the March 25th meeting. The results are as follows:

President: Randy, KC9MZ

Vice President: Michael, KA9HNT

Secretary: Steve, W9ZS

Treasurer: Bob, WA9TUG

Sergeant of Arms: Dan, KD9ADB

Activities Manager: Jim, KD9BLA

Publicity Activist: Dean, K9JDW

Please support your club officers any way you can!

On the Air Meeting

We tried to have an on the air meeting in an effort to support those who couldn't come to the in person meeting for one reason or another. However, at the last minute, we had to move from our February location to make room for the square dancers. The new location was not radio friendly!

The membership agreed to meet at the Moose Lodge for the coming year. I have an idea for antenna placement that *may* give us the opportunity to have the on the air component again. I'll give it a try.

Operating Events and HAMFESTS:

ARRL June VHF Party June 12th -14th see <http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>

ARRL Field Day June 26th – 27th see <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

West Central Illinois Hamfest, sometimes known as the “Carlinville” Hamfest, is to be August 7th at the Macoupin County Fairgrounds

St. Louis ARC is planning on having the “Halloween Hamfest” on October 30th at the Kirkwood Community Center

ARES HF Net The Illinois Section ARES HF Net meets on the first and third Sunday each month. The frequency is 3905 KHz +/- LSB.

K1USN Radio Club Slow Speed CW contest (20 WPM max) Mondays 1800-1900 CST

<http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>

CWops Test (CWT) Every Wednesday at 1300-1400Z, 1900-2000Z, and Thursday 0300-0400Z 28 to 45 kHz from the band edges [CWops Tests \(CWT\) – CWops](#)

RRI Training Broadcast Schedule Wednesday 2000 CST (0200Z Thursday) 7060 kHz, and 2130 CST (0330Z Thursday) 3563 KHz, Thursday 1900 CST (0001Z Friday) 14060 KHz

Meeting Date, Time and Location: Next month’s meeting will be on April 29th. It will be at the Swansea Moose Lodge with an “On the Air” meeting component. Check-in starts at 8 pm. Steve, W9ZA, will have the 224.12MHz Net at 7 pm.

New Members: New applications should be submitted to the Sgt. at Arms. Applications will be vetted by the Sgt. at Arms and will be brought forward for a vote at the next monthly meeting after being submitted. We look forward to meeting/greeting any new member because to grow our club, we must find people that love to talk (should not be too hard) and that would love to be on the radio. So putting the two together can make a dedicated enthusiast for HAM Radio. We welcome all new members and prospective members and thank them for their interest in Ham Radio.

SCARC License Testing in April

We will be offering a test session mid April at the Swansea Illinois Moose Lodge. If you or someone you know would like to test, please have them email me at kc9mz@arrl.net.

SCAN Needs Your Input, Articles

It would be great to hear from others amongst us about what operating activities you’ve involved with or what projects you’ve been working on.

Heil Sound provided the attendance prizes for the March Meeting

Steve, K9SHY, was the winner of the BM-10 headset! Congratulations Steve!

Thanks to Bob, K9EID, for the donation of the prize!

FCC Proposes new fees for Amateur Radio!

The FCC had proposed a \$50 fee for new or modified Amateur Radio licenses, license renewals and vanity call signs. With input from over 3,000 Hams, the ARRL, and other organizations, the FCC has decided a \$35 fee would be more reasonable.

The ARRL VE letter stated there are some FCC procedures that have to take place before the new \$35 fee will be in effect. The best guess is that it will be this summer.

If you or someone you know would like to upgrade or take their first test, do it sooner rather than later. Save the \$35.

Here are some shorts:

Thank you to the Moose for allowing us to meet in their ballroom. There were about 20 in attendance on a very cool and rainy night! Thanks Bob, WA9TUG, for making this happen.

We have pavilion #2 at Pleasant Ridge Park reserved for Field Day, June 26th – 27th. Thanks, Michael, KA9HNT!

Don't forget the "Good Morning Net" M-F, 7-8am by Larry, K9LWW and the 224.12 MHz Net on Thursdays, 7 pm by Steve, W9ZS. Thank you guys for running these nets!

Please send anything you might have for SCAN to kc9mz@arrl.net.

I hope you can attend or check in to the next meeting on April 29th at 2000 CDT.

73 es gud dx,

Randy, KC9MZ

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